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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

Senator Walter George, Democratic Chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, will be depended upon to call the policy shifts of the Republican Administration, then it may be assumed that the U.S. and China are finally moving toward a "normalization" of relations. As the top foreign policy spokesman of the Senate's Democratic majority, Mr. George is in a position more or less accurately to sound the majority's views. He was the first prominent American leader to call for Big Four talks at the summit. It was he again who pioneered the suggestion that Washington discuss its differences with China directly. In both cases the Administration waited to see whether the right-wing Republicans were following the sound, and when it did not, the Government acted. In the case of China, however, where Senator George urged a meeting between Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Minister Chen Kai, the Administration moved more cautiously, looking up the road by a single notch — from the level of the Ambassador's conference on Tuesday, Mr. Dulles showed that he is gradually approaching the Senator's view.

Senator George believes that continued American inaction on the trade embargo against China is not only impractical but ineffective. Those of America's allies who have faithfully gone along with her are growing weary and have stayed true more from sympathy than from conviction. Those who are trading with China within the limits of the strategic embargo are finding the commerce frustrating. As the Chinese are willing to go to certain lengths for the propaganda value of the trade tie, they are not inclined to go into Big Business unless they can get what they need — and most of that is embargoed goods. In the case of Russia, too, the embargo is a further record of inaction.

THE Senate cannot indefinitely be maintained in China's U.N. seat. There again he shares the opinion of America's closest ally, Britain, has recognized the Peking Government. The Peking Government is not only what to do with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, with whose regime Washington has a mutual security treaty. Nor does the fact that Formosa Government is very much her own, not shared by any Western state, make a solution any easier to bridge the gap when he intimated that the status of Formosa should be decided apart from the question of a Western settlement with China, and Mr. Chou has said that his Government would be willing to negotiate directly with the "actual authorities" in the question is: If he is not the head of the legal Government of China, who is he?

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83 p.c. VOTED IN TUESDAY'S POLL; MAPAI GOT 32 pc, 40 SEATS; HERUT 15; COMMUNISTS 6

	First Knesset (1949)	Second Knesset (1951)	Third Knesset (1953)
Eligible Voters	808,567	882,000	1,007,800
Total Votes Cast	440,085 (54.5%)	895,007 (89.5%)	876,085 (86.9%)
Mapai	153,374 (34.8%)	254,456 (28.4%)	374,738 (42.8%)
General Zionists	49,782 (11.2%)	45,601 (5.1%)	107,130 (12.2%)
Mizrachi	22,601 (5.1%)	111,304 (12.5%)	97,000 (11.1%)
Agudat Israel	10,383 (2.3%)	10,383 (1.2%)	10,383 (1.2%)
Agudat Poalei Agudat Israel	64,018 (14.5%)	88,085 (9.8%)	69,475 (7.9%)
Communists	15,148 (3.4%)	13,759 (1.5%)	29,338 (3.3%)
Progressives	17,798 (4.0%)	27,334 (3.1%)	34,402 (3.9%)
Arab Parties Affiliated with Mapai:			
Arab Democrats	7,387 (1.7%)	16,370 (1.8%)	15,475 (1.8%)
Peasants and Labour	2,214 (0.5%)	1,831 (0.2%)	1,831 (0.2%)
Agriculture and Development	15,287 (3.4%)	11,194 (1.2%)	9,701 (1.1%)
Yemenites	4,399 (1.0%)	12,002 (1.3%)	6,904 (0.8%)
W.Z.O.	1,173 (0.3%)	1,985 (0.2%)	1,985 (0.2%)
Halohamin (L.H.D.)	5,383 (1.2%)		

Arab Parties, Communists Gain

The final results of the general elections, announced last night by the Central Elections Committee, show a number of changes in the distribution of Knesset seats from that expected after the partial count was reported last week.

Ben-Gurion to Seek Broad Coalition

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — While Mapai seems to have won the election, Ben-Gurion is expected to begin personal conversations with a wider range with a view to setting up a broader coalition government. These trends appeared in today's meeting of the Political Committee of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Minister of Defense, Mr. Moshe Baran, on Tuesday. Mr. Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Mapai Municipal Committee, said that the party's secretariat will elect a special committee to handle the negotiations for the coalition. The committee will be composed of representatives of the major parties, and the appointment of the committee will depend upon a quick agreement between possible coalition partners. The Religious Parties are expected to lay down the most burdensome conditions.

G.Z. to Reorganize

The General Zionists, who last night concluded a two-day Board, decided to form a committee which will include the former Ministers and Mr. Meir, to plan a reorganization. The committee will be composed of representatives of the party's Executive Board and members of the Knesset. The reorganization is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The committee will be responsible for the party's future, and its decisions will be binding on the party's Executive Board.

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New Banknotes in Circulation Today

New IL10 and 500 pruta notes of the Bank of Israel will be put into circulation today. Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank, said at a Press conference in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon. The new tender does not signify any change in the economic policy, the Governor added. It will gradually be exchanged for the old currency. Notes of IL1 and IL50 dimensions will enter circulation later in the year.

Mr. Horowitz did not expect any change in the value of the new bills. The notes are striking in design and of better quality than those at present in circulation. They were designed with the approval of the late Minister of Finance, Eliezer Kaplan, overprinted by the firm of Thomas DeLaurie in Great Britain.

High Total Ballot — The final count showed that voter participation was even higher than originally indicated. Out of 1,007,800 eligible voters, a percentage of 82.9 per cent. There were 22,886 invalid ballots and empty envelopes.

Syrian Deputy Says USSR Would Help in Defence — The Soviet Union would aid Syria if the latter's independence is threatened, according to Rafik Bashur, Speaker of the Parliament who recently visited Moscow with a parliamentary delegation. The Arab News Agency reported.

SOVIET-PERSIAN BORDER — Moscow Radio today reported the first meeting of the Soviet-Persian frontier commission set up in accordance with an agreement last year.

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Adenauer Will Visit Moscow In September

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — A Soviet Note handed to the West German Embassy here today proposed that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer should visit Moscow at the end of September, or the beginning of October, the Embassy announced. The Government sources welcomed the renewed invitation and predicted that the Chancellor will probably fly to Moscow within the first 10 days of September.

U.S. to Create Artificial Moonlight Next Month — WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Government scientists will try to create artificial moonlight over New Mexico next month, it was announced here today.

Vatican Paper Protests Omission of Rites — VATICAN CITY, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" tonight vigorously protested against the suggestion that the victims of the Israeli airline crash in Bulgaria might be buried in a common grave without religious observances. The newspaper described the suggestion as "blasphemous and inhuman." It said that if the bodies, even though unidentified, were not given religious burial, they would suffer a second indignity, another violence — no less grave than the first.

Foreign Representatives — Representatives of foreign countries stood in a line, some distance from the chaplains. They included the American and British Air Attaches, the French and Turkish Military Attaches, the French Charge d'Affaires, the British Consul General and members of the diplomatic missions of the USSR, Canada, as well as a representative of the Austrian Consulate General.

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Will Punish Guilty, Bulgars Say; Admit Fighter Attack



Grief-stricken relatives gather around the coffin containing the charred bodies of the victims of the El Al plane tragedy. (Photo by Goldman)

Bodies Examined at Air Force Base

JERUSALEM, Wednesday. — Four persons have already been flown in by El Al for the funeral, but the main body of mourners is expected here tomorrow morning. The Chief Rabbi yesterday expressed his profound shock at the fatal crime perpetrated by the shooting down of the plane and mourned the heavy loss suffered by the bereaved families and by the entire nation. It called upon the citizens of Israel to join in mourning the victims of the tragedy. Among the victims is an Army officer, Segen Yosef Shihab, 24. After serving as an instructor in the Tank Corps for several years, he was sent to France to take part in a course that lasted a year. He graduated from the course with distinction. He is survived by his wife and mother.

Neichev Refers Israel Request to Cabinet

The Jerusalem Post learns that the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, Mr. Mincho Neichev, on Tuesday told the Israeli Consul General, Mr. Reuven Nall, that he would again put before his Cabinet Israel's request for investigation of the Bulgarian air crash. The Bulgarian Cabinet was to have met yesterday, but there was no news of its decision until a late hour last night. Mr. Neichev's agreement was given after Mr. Nall had presented the request. Bulgarian Foreign Minister had been in Jerusalem since Tuesday, but he saw no point in admitting an Israeli commission as the official Bulgarian enquiry had already been concluded. The commission is still in Yugoslavia.

Britain Says Sofia Must Pay Full Compensation

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Foreign Office said today it "noted with satisfaction" the statement by Bulgaria today that it was prepared to pay full compensation to Israel. At the same time, a spokesman emphasized the Government's view that the Bulgarian Government should pay full compensation to Israel.

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